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# Malpe boat capsize: Two from Mysuru drown

- Weekend holiday trip turns tragic
- 2 critically injured

*Deceased Shankarappa & Sindhu*

*The ill-fated boat which capsized. Picture right shows the Delta Beach (Kodi Bengre Beach) near Malpe.*

Udupi/ Mysuru, Jan. 27 (RK&KS)- A weekend holiday trip meant for fun and frolic turned tragic when two persons died and two others were left in critical condition after a boat ferrying BPO employees from Mysuru capsized near Hangarkatte Ship Building Yard in Malpe of Udupi district yesterday.

The deceased have been identified as Shankarappa (27) of Harave village in Chamarajanagar district and Sindhu (25) of Muguru village in T. Narasipur taluk of Mysuru district. Those seriously injured and undergoing treatment in Intensive Care Units (ICUs) are Dharmaraja (26) and Deesha (26).

According to preliminary Police investigations, 28 employees of Goalcryst India Pvt. Ltd., a Global Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) company based in Saraswathipuram, Mysuru, had gone on a trip to Udupi on Sunday.

On Monday, 14 of them boarded a boat named 'The Wave Rider' operated by the Waveriders company, at Malpe Beach and departed from the Delta Beach point.

Although life jackets were provided to all, only a few reportedly wore them. Around noon, as the boat was passing near the Hangarkatte Ship Building Yard — where the Swarna River (or Suvarna River) meets the sea — it capsized, throwing all 14 occupants into the water.

All the passengers were rescued, but Shankarappa and Sindhu died, while Dharmaraja and Deesha remain in critical but stable condition.

Local fishermen and other boat operators rushed to the spot and shifted the passengers to the shore in other boats.

The rescued persons were shifted to another boat and brought ashore. The bodies of the deceased were sent to the mortuary, while the injured were admitted to Udupi District Hospital, where they are undergoing treatment in ICUs.

(See BOAT on page 7)

# Baby girl sale: 5 arrested

Chamarajanagar / Mysuru, Jan. 27 (RK&BS)- Five persons, including the parents and foster parents of a six-month-old baby girl and an outsourced staff member of Cheluvamba Hospital in Mysuru, have been arrested on charges of selling a baby in the district recently.

The accused are Manju Nayaka, his wife Sindhu of Kurubara Beedhi, Ramasamudra in Chamarajanagar town, Shanthamma, the outsourced 'D' Group staff of Cheluvamba Hospital, Jawaraiah and his wife Nethra, of Konanur, Arkalgud taluk, in Hassan.

The incident came to light following a complaint lodged by Child Development Project Officer (CDPO) of Chamarajanagar, with the Town Police on Sept. 9, 2025. He had suspected something fishy when the couple failed to come forth with the whereabouts of the baby during the initial stages of enquiry.

### CDPO complainant

In his complaint, CDPO had stated that Sindhu had delivered a girl child at Chamarajanagar District Hospital on July 26, but the infant was not with her parents. Following this, a case had been registered under Section 75 of Juvenile Justice (JJ) Act and Section 93 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023.

Manju Nayaka couple, who had gone absconding for six months, were traced through the aid of technical and scientific investigation methods and taken into custody by the Police on Jan. 23.

### Baby rescued

During interrogation, the couple revealed that they had sold the baby to the Jawaraiah couple, through Shanthamma, who had brokered the deal, for Rs. 50,000. Shanthamma had got Rs. 20,000 as her share of commission, it is said.

(See BABY on page 7)

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

**Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.**

Mysuru, Tuesday 27th January 2026


## 127th birth anniversary of Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan. 27- Kodava Samaja, Mysuru and Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Fans Club, Mysuru, will celebrate the 127th birth anniversary of Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa at Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Circle (Metropole Circle) in city on Jan. 28 at 8.30 am.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar, MLAs K. Harishgowda, G.T. Devegowda, T.S. Srivatsa and G.D. Harish Gowda, MLCs C.N. Manjegowda and K.Vivekananda, former MP Prathap Simha, former MLA L. Nagendra, former Mayors M.J. Ravikumar and H.N. Srikantaiah, former Corporators Maletira U. Subbaiah and Pramila Bharath will be the chief guests.

*Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa*

Kodava Samaja President Ponjanda A. Ganapathy, Kodava Samaja Cultural and Sports Club President Mukkatira C. Ashok, Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Fans Club President Nayakanda Thimmaiah and others will be present on the occasion.

## EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

IN THE BEGINNING, THERE WAS A DREAM: ***We often applaud the finish line — the gold medal, the global empire, the scientific breakthrough — yet we overlook the quiet, restless minds where it all began. Success is never a mere coincidence; it is a deliberate harvest of the aspirations we sow in the fertile soil of our subconscious.***

***Our greatness follows a sacred evolution. It begins with a modest Dream — a defiant spark within us that ignores the limitations of "what is" to imagine "what could be." When we fuel this dream with intent, it solidifies into Effort. Through our relentless grit, that internal blueprint finally crystallises into Achievement.***

***In our history, the most profound dreams are those that ignite social change. Rabindranath Tagore didn't just write poetry; he dreamt of a classroom without walls, giving birth to Shantiniketan and liberating our collective intellect.***

***When the world doubted our nation's reach, Dr. Vikram Sarabhai envisioned a space-faring India from a humble village church. Today, our rockets touch the moon because we dared to look past the horizon.***

***Similarly, Dhirubhai Ambani dreamt of democratising wealth, transforming millions into partners in progress. He proved that when we dream, our shared destiny shifts.***

***Our minds are the ultimate laboratories. Robert F. Kennedy famously issued the challenge to "dream of things that never were and ask, why not?"— reminding us that our imagination is the true precursor to justice.***

***Walt Disney, despite facing rejection, refused to abandon his magical world, teaching us that if we can dream it, we can truly do it.***

***Consider Wilma Rudolph, who was told she would never walk again. She didn't just dream of walking; she dreamt of sprinting. That inner fire carried her to three Olympic gold medals. Her journey confirms a timeless truth: we become great achievers only when we become great dreamers who refuse to wake up.***

***Our success isn't about battling the world; it's about nurturing the courage to imagine a better one. Our aspirations are the blueprints of our coming reality. To achieve the extraordinary tomorrow, we must dare to dream the "impossible" today.***

***The brightest flame in our history began as a single spark that refused to be extinguished by the surrounding cold. Our dreams are the architects; our unwavering spirit is the builder. Let us stop waiting for the right moment and start building from within, for our dream is the masterpiece the world is waiting for.*** *—Ananthapadmanabhan in Deccan Herald*

## NEWS SPARKLERS

### Beggar owns homes, cars & businesses!

Indore: A leprosy-stricken beggar on the streets of Indore, in the Indian state of Madhya Pradesh, turned out to be a true slumdog millionaire, with several properties, vehicles and businesses to his name.

Unable to walk, the 50-year-old man, known only as Mangilal, spent his days cross-legged on a small wooden platform fitted with wheels, slowly pushing himself around.

Later, it turned out that he wasn't as helpless as he appeared. He reportedly earned thousands of rupees per day begging and was lending money to shopkeepers in the Sarafa Bazaar at interest. Checks revealed that he was not homeless, but actually owned three homes: a three-storey house, a second house, and a flat that was given to him by a government welfare programme. In addition, he owned two auto-rickshaws that he had rented out to others, and a car for which he had hired a driver on a salary of Rs. 12,000.

### "Black Pearl Strawberries" spark craze

Beijing: A rare and delicious variety of dark purple, almost black strawberries has sparked a new food craze in China, with people paying up to $45 per pound to try them.

Black Pearl strawberries recently went viral in China, and demand for them has skyrocketed. But, despite the high price (up to $6 per fruit), many strawberry growers are reluctant to jump on the black strawberry bandwagon, claiming that the difficulty of cultivation may not justify the economic benefits.

Although clearly a fad fuelled by social media and scarcity, Black Pearl strawberries are reportedly delicious, so if growers can solve the cultivation and low-yield issues, they could become a mainstream variety in China, and maybe beyond.

## HEALTH CAPSULE

**Redo GI Surgery Requires Anatomical Respect**

Repeat surgeries demand an understanding of prior procedures and altered anatomy to ensure safe and effective outcomes.

*By Dr. Vasudev Pai H - Senior Consultant – Surgical Gastroenterology and HPB Surgery, Manipal Hospitals, Mysuru*

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## Staging of play 'Thatte Idli Radhantha' on Jan. 28, 29

Mysuru, Jan. 27- City-based theatre group will be staging the play 'Thatte Idli Radhantha' at Kiru Rangamandira in Kalamandira on Jan. 28 and 29 at 6.30 pm. The play is written and directed by Mayasandra Krishna Prasad.

Entry tickets are priced at Rs. 100 each.

Tickets are available online and at the venue as well.

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- *Hippos are most active at night, when they forage for food. They are herbivores and eat mostly grass. In just one night, they can guzzle down up to 35kg of their favourite grub!*
- *Female hippos, called cows, give birth every two years, usually to a single calf. Soon after birth, the mother and her baby join up with other cows and calves for protection against predators such as crocodiles, lions and hyenas.*

## LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

***John:*** *I have decided to join the Army.*
***Gomes:*** *Your father and grandfather all joined the Army and died. Have you no fear?*
***John:*** *Your father and grandfather died in sleep, are you frightened to sleep?!*

## TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

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| 1 UAE Dirham | = Rs. 25.00 |
| 1 Euro | = Rs. 109.09 |

## VOICE OF THE READER

# One-way rule flouting on Kalidasa, Adipampa Roads

Sir,

It is observed that two-wheelers and cars are driving in the no-entry direction on the busy Kalidasa Road and Adipampa Road. This has become an almost daily scene.

These drivers are not only careless about traffic rules but also drive at high speed, fully aware that they are using the no-entry side.

This poses a serious risk to rule-abiding people like us who follow traffic norms, yet end up facing accidents.

I request the Traffic Police to take strict steps to address and resolve this problem.

**— A rules-abiding citizen**
Mysuru
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# Prof. Mewa Singh selected for Prime Minister Professorship

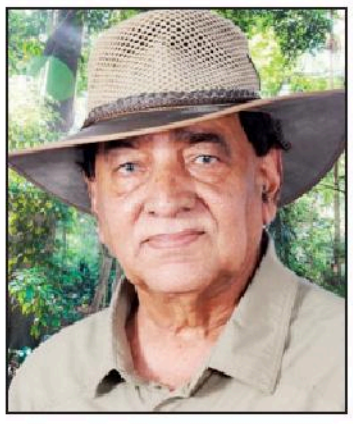
Mysuru, Jan. 27- Prof. Mewa Singh of the University of Mysore has been selected for one of the most prestigious academic assignments of the country — the Prime Minister Professorship awarded by the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) of the Government of India. He is the only professor selected under this scheme from Karnataka.

As per the ANRF website, the main objective of the Prime Minister Professorship is "leveraging expertise of active, eminent and superannuated scientists for their outstanding contributions both nationally and internationally in the areas of engineering, science and technology, including agriculture, medicine and social sciences at the interface of science and technology. The programme aims to strengthen R&D culture in less endowed institutions especially, State Universities, by boosting their research and innovation aspects."

The Prime Minister Professorship will provide a Fellowship of Rs. 2,50,000 per month, along with a research grant of Rs. 24,00,000 per annum and an overhead of Rs. 1,00,000 per annum, for a duration of five years.

The Prime Minister Professor is expected to mentor faculty and students to improve/raise their research ecosystem to world-class standards.

Prof. Mewa Singh is internationally recognised for his contributions in the area of ecology, animal behaviour and wildlife



*Prof. Mewa Singh*

conservation.

He has received many international and national awards, including 'Lifetime Achievement Award by the International Primatological Society', 'Fellowship of the Associations for Tropical Biology and Conservation', Fellowships of the Indian National Science Academy, the National Academy of Sciences and the Indian Academy of Sciences.

He was also awarded by the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, Ramanna Fellowship, J.C. Bose National Fellowship, and the SERB Distinguished Fellowship.

Currently, he is working as the Indian National Science Academy Distinguished Professor at the University of Mysore. He is also a Visiting Professor at several Universities and research institutions.

As the rules of ANRF do not allow serving under this scheme of Prime Minister Professorship in one's parental institution, Prof. Singh will be hosted by the Bangalore University.

## Ayurvedic camp

Mysuru, Jan. 27- Cauvery Ayurvedic Medical College and Hospital, near Devegowda Circle, KBL Layout, Mysuru, is organising a free ayurvedic health check-up camp from Jan. 26 to 31 for Skin Diseases and Pigmentation. For more details and registration, those in need may contact Ph: 0821-2970619 or Mob: 97317-99317, according to a press release.

# 'AI is bridging gap between marketers and customers'

## 7th Intl. Marketing Conference held at SDM-IMD

Mysuru, Jan. 27- "The Indian banking sector is currently undergoing a significant phase of digital transformation. While nearly seven lakh digital transactions take place daily in India — a figure impressive in comparison with many countries — it remains modest when viewed against India's vast population," observed Chayan Gupta, National Head - Bancassurance, Aviva India.

Gupta delivered the keynote address at the 7th International Marketing Conference on "Technology and Transformation in Marketing: Advancing Purpose, Performance and Personalisation for Impact," organised at SDM-IMD, Mysuru recently.

Highlighting the intersection of marketing and technology in the banking sector, he noted that technological advancements have fundamentally altered customer engagement. With most banking activities now conducted online, professionals have fewer direct interactions with customers. However, emerging technologies, particularly generative AI, are helping bridge this gap by enabling deeper customer understanding and more personalised outreach, he noted.

Addressing concerns related to data theft and digital fraud, he stated that while banks are making concerted efforts to safeguard customer interests, financial awareness and discipline among users are equally critical in preventing fraud.

He encouraged individuals to adopt smarter financial practices and explore emerging opportunities within the digital banking ecosystem.

Shedding light on the insurance landscape in India, Gupta revealed that only about 6% of Indians currently hold insurance policies, indicating immense growth potential for the sector.

He further noted that the Government of India has set an ambitious goal to ensure that by 2047, every citizen possesses both a bank account and insurance coverage, thereby enhancing financial inclusion and security through more robust and focused outreach initiatives.

Ashwini Thammaiah, Country Head & Board Member, Isocrates Inc. | MADTECH.AI Inc., who spoke on "Marketing in the Age of Decision Intelligence," addressed the contemporary challenges faced by marketers and the transformative role of AI in addressing them.

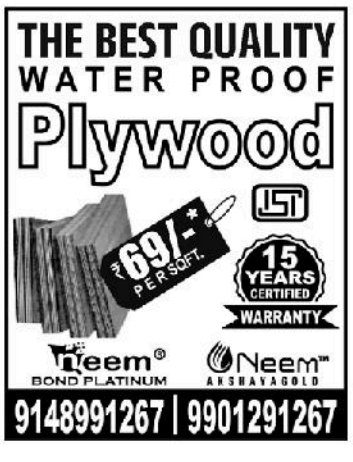
Highlighting how technology can assist marketers in areas such as lead management, automated follow-ups, and budget optimisation, she further explained that AI now enables not only the identification of market issues but also a deeper analysis of their causes and potential solutions.

The inaugural session also featured an address by Mohammed Minhaj, Dean - Academics and Professor -Systems, SDM-IMD, who reflected on the pervasive role of technology across sectors, with AI increasingly taking centre stage.

Dr. Keerthan Raj, Conference Chair and Associate Professor - Marketing, SDM-IMD, introduced the conference theme.

As part of the conference, a special technical session on "Performance Marketing" was conducted by Pawan Kumar Rastogi, Head - E-commerce, TTK Prestige India.

The valedictory session was attended by Gagan Ranka, Vice-President and Head for Home Loan Credit for RoK (Rest of Karnataka) & Goa, HDFC Bank Ltd., and Immediate Past Chairman of CII-Yi Mysuru, who offered insights into the evolution of banking in India and future of marketing leadership in an increasingly technology-driven business environment. A total of 25 research papers were presented at the conference.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Musical discourse

Haridasa Sangeetha Sahityotsava Samiti, Mysuru, has organised a nine-day 'Madhwa-Purandara Namana,' a musical discourse event at Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall in Krishnamurthypuram from Feb. 1 to 9. For details, contact Mob: 72040-43565 or 77955-26150.

### Health Talk

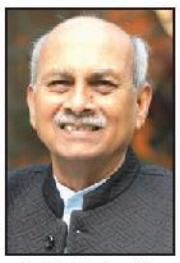
As part of its monthly series of Health Talk, the Elder Citizens Council, Jayalakshmipuram, has organised a lecture on 'Naturopathy Treatment' at its Sarswathi Samudaya Bhavana on Feb. 2 at 5 pm, exclusively for senior citizens. Dr. H.L. Nanjesh Gowda of Ambara Wellness Clinic, Bogadi, Mysuru, will deliver the talk. Council President Dr. H.M. Nagaraju will preside. [Mob: 99804-12406]

### Ph.D awardee

**M. Kushala** has been awarded Ph.D in Zoology by University of Mysore, Mysuru, for her thesis 'Use of Crustacean zooplankton species culture as a live feed for the growth of Catla catla, Labeo rohita, Cirrhinus mrigala and Hilsa ilisha in Mysuru district, Karnataka State, India' [Guide: Prof. M. Mahadevaswamy].

# Eight from State chosen for *Padma* Awards

Shatavadhani Ganesh


Dr. Prabhakar Kore

M. Ankegowda

Dr. Suresh Hanagavadi

S.G. Susheelamma

Shubha Iyengar

Shashi Shekhar Vempati

Late T.T. Jagannathan

Bengaluru, Jan. 27- *Shatavadhani* Dr. R. Ganesh and former BJP Rajya Sabha Member Prabhakar Kore are among the eight personalities from Karnataka to feature on the list of 131 *Padma* awardees this year.

While *Shatavadhani* Dr. Ganesh has been awarded 'Padma Bhushan' in the category of Art, Dr. Prabhakar Kore, who has been chosen in the field of Literature and Education, is among the seven from the State who have been conferred with 'Padma Shri' award.

Apart from Kore, the six other personalities from the State who have been conferred the 'Padma Shri' award are — M. Ankegowda, who runs 'Pustakamane', a private Library at Pandavapura, that is spreading literacy by providing free access to books, Dr. Suresh Hanagavadi of Davangere in the category of Medicine, S.G. Susheelamma, the co-founder of Sumangali Seva Ashrama in Bengaluru in 1975, in the field of Social work, Bengaluru based Aerospace Scientist Shubha Iyengar, chosen under Science and Engineering category, Shashi Shekhar Vempati, who took Doordarshan and Akashvani into the digital age as the Youngest Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Prasar Bharati, under the category of Literature and Education and late T.T. Jagannathan, who headed the TTK group, in the category of Trade and Industry, posthumously.

The 131 Padma awards include five *Padma Vibhushan*, 13 *Padma Bhushan* and 113 *Padma Shri* awards. The recipients from other States include 8 personalities from Kerala, 11 from West Bengal and 13 from Tamil Nadu, all poll-bound States where Assembly elections are due in a couple of months.

While the *Padma Vibhushan* is awarded for exceptional and distinguished service, *Padma Bhushan* is for distinguished service of high order and *Padma Shri* for distinguished service in any field.

M. Ankegowda, a quiet bibliophile who has devoted his life for preserving knowledge, has been honoured by the Union Government with *Padma Shri* award for establishing 'Pustakamane' (House of books), at his native village Haralahalli, which is one of India's largest private libraries.

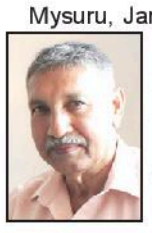
A native of Haralahalli in Pandavapura taluk of Mandya district, the 76-year-old Ankegowda is a former employee of Pandavapura Sahakara Sakkare Kharkhane (PSSK) at Pandavapura and is popularly known as Pustakamane Ankegowda.

His love for books began in childhood and grew into a life-long mission. Over the last five decades, he transformed his home into a free public Library, with no membership or usage fee. Today, the Library houses more than 20 lakh books and magazines, including rare and out of print works, newspapers, research Journals and manuscripts. The collection spans over 20 Indian and foreign languages and includes more than 5,000 dictionaries, nearly 5 lakh rare foreign publications, 35,000 International magazines, 2,500 Kannada magazines, 2,500 titles on Mahatma Gandhi, 2,500 books on Bhagavad Gita and over 100 religious texts, including the Bible. Maintained with meticulous care, Putakamane has become an important centre for students, scholars, writers and researchers from across the state and the country.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Ankegowda said, he felt deeply honoured for having been selected for *Padma Shri* award. Pointing out that though he never pursued any awards or recognition, he was happy to have got one of the prestigious awards of the country. He was guided by the belief that 'Books are divine and a library is a temple of knowledge,' he added.

## Obituary

**Thelapanda Muthu Muthappa**



Mysuru, Jan. 27- Thelapanda Muthu Muthappa (74), a resident of No. 4234,17th Main, 8th Cross in Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, passed away yesterday in city.

A native of Palanda (Halugunda) village, Murnadu in Kodagu district, he leaves behind his wife Rani Parvathy (Nellira) and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Muktidhama in Vijayanagar 4th Stage yesterday evening.

**V. Srikanta**

V. Srikanta (77), a resident of Vontikoppal, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife former Corporator Vasantha Srikanta, one son, one daughter, daughter-in-law, grandson and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Gokulam Burial Grounds this noon.

### Actor Thoogudeepa Srinivas Memorial State-level Cow Milking Contest

# Bengaluru cow wins 1st prize with 58.7 kg milk; Mysuru cow 2nd with 55.2 kg milk

*Prithvi of Kaushik Dairy Farm, Bengaluru, receiving the trophy from Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda, for his cow winning first prize in State-level Cow Milking Contest, organised at J.K. Grounds in the city recently.*

Mysuru, Jan. 27 (VVH&BS)- The cow of Prithvi from Kaushik Dairy Farm, Rajajinagar in Bengaluru, secured first prize in the two-day State-level Cow Milking Contest, organised in memory of veteran actor Thoogudeepa Srinivas, by Mysuru Nagara Gopalakara Sangha and Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, at J.K. Grounds in the city recently.

Prithvi's cow produced highest ever 58.7 kg of milk, followed by the cow of Dinesh Gowda from Chowdeshwari Dairy Farm. K.G. Koppal in the city, that came second, producing 55.2 kg of milk.

The third prize was won by a cow owned by Ramachandra Reddy of Tanush Dairy Farm, Kaggalipura, Anekal taluk, Kolar district, by producing 52.4 kg of milk.

The fourth prize went to a cow owned by Paduvarahalli Harish, that produced 51 kg of milk and fifth prize to a cow owned by Purushotham of the city, that produced 51.05 kg of milk.

Former President of Agricultural Produce Marketing Committee (APMC), Mysuru, Basavaraju gave a cash prize of Rs. 1.5 lakh to the first prize winning cow, followed by Yajaman Jawaraiah of T.K. Layout, former Corporator J. Gopi and Manu from Hombale Dairy Farms, Mandya, who collectively gave Rs. 1 lakh to the second prize winning cow. Venkatesh and Subramanya from Kolar, gave Rs. 75,000 to the third prize winning cow.

A total of 18 cattle-rearers from across the State had participated along with their cows.

Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda, former Corporator D. Nagabushan, former President of Karnataka State Kuruba Association B. Subramanya, former Chairman of Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) H.V. Rajeev, former Mayor Ananthu, President of Gopalakara Sangha Krishnappa, Secretary Jayadeva, Devanahalli Venugopala Swamy, Deputy Director of Animal Husbandry Dr. Nagaraju, Dr. M.C. Poornananda, Lakvir Singh from Punjab, Dr. Rekha Arun and others were present.

# 77th R-Day celebrated in city

## Development works worth Rs. 10,000 crore taken up in Mysuru: District Minister

Mysuru, Jan. 27 (BLU&BS)- Minister for Social Welfare and District in-charge Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa said, along with the implementation of five Guarantee Schemes, emphasis is also being laid on development works, with several works estimated at Rs. 10,000 crore taken up in Mysuru district.

Delivering the 77th Republic Day (R-Day) address at the celebrations organised by the District Administration at Torchlight Parade grounds in Bannimantap yesterday, he said, in Varuna Assembly Constituency represented by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in the Legislative Assembly, a total of Rs. 323 crore worth development works were launched and inaugurated by the CM himself recently.

"With a firm belief that the Constitution vouches for the welfare of the society, we are taking a righteous path towards development. The main intention of the Government is to deliver pro-people administration and to take administrative machinery towards the doorsteps of the people. The co-operation and commitment of everybody is essential to effectively implement the schemes formulated by the Government," he asserted.

### Greater MCC

Dr. Mahadevappa made a reference to most significant step of the State Govt., to expand the periphery of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) as Greater MCC.

"Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has decided to expand MCC as Greater MCC to visualise his plans for the comprehensive development of the city, by bringing one City Municipal Council (CMC), four Town Panchayats (TPs) and eight Gram Panchayats, comprising a total of 25 villages, into its jurisdiction. A notification has been issued by the Government in this regard," he explained.

### Swachh Survekshan

In view of Swachh Survekshan 2025-26, Dr. Mahadevappa appealed for the co-operation of the general public, to join hands with the MCC, which aims to secure 7-Star Garbage Free City certificate. The public should cooperate by segregating waste at source level, minimising single use plastic, handling medical waste, cleanliness of public places and active participation of schools, markets, offices and institutions, to achieve the target.

### e-Swathu

Under the recently introduced e-Swathu system, MCC leads by issuing khata to 60,000 properties, besides topping City Corporations in generating revenue, by collecting Rs. 220 crore property tax in financial year 2025-26.

Earlier, Dr. Mahadevappa unfurled the Tricolour, before receiving the guard of honour from participating 26 different Police and other contingents, which took out a colourful march-past.

City Armed Reserve (CAR) ACP H.P. Satish was the Parade Commander and CAR Police Inspector P. Suresh was the Assistant Parade Commander.

Children from various schools participated in cultural programmes. Students of Teresian Convent Girls High School danced to a patriotic song *Namo Bharatambe...* while the students of Mahabodhi School danced to *Atmanirbar Bharat...*, followed by DAV School students on *Integrity in Diversity* and Capitol Public School on *Vande Mataram.*

Ahead of Swachh Survekshan, a troupe of students presented a cultural programme, highlighting the importance of keeping the surroundings tidy.

Chamarajanagar MP Sunil Bose, Chairman of Karnataka Exhibition Authority Ayub Khan, Regional Commissioner Nitesh Patil, Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, ZP CEO S. Ukesh Kumar, City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar, MCC Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif, Superintendent of Police (SP) Mallikarjun Baladandi, DCP (Crime and Traffic) K.S. Sundar Raj and others were present at the R-Day event.

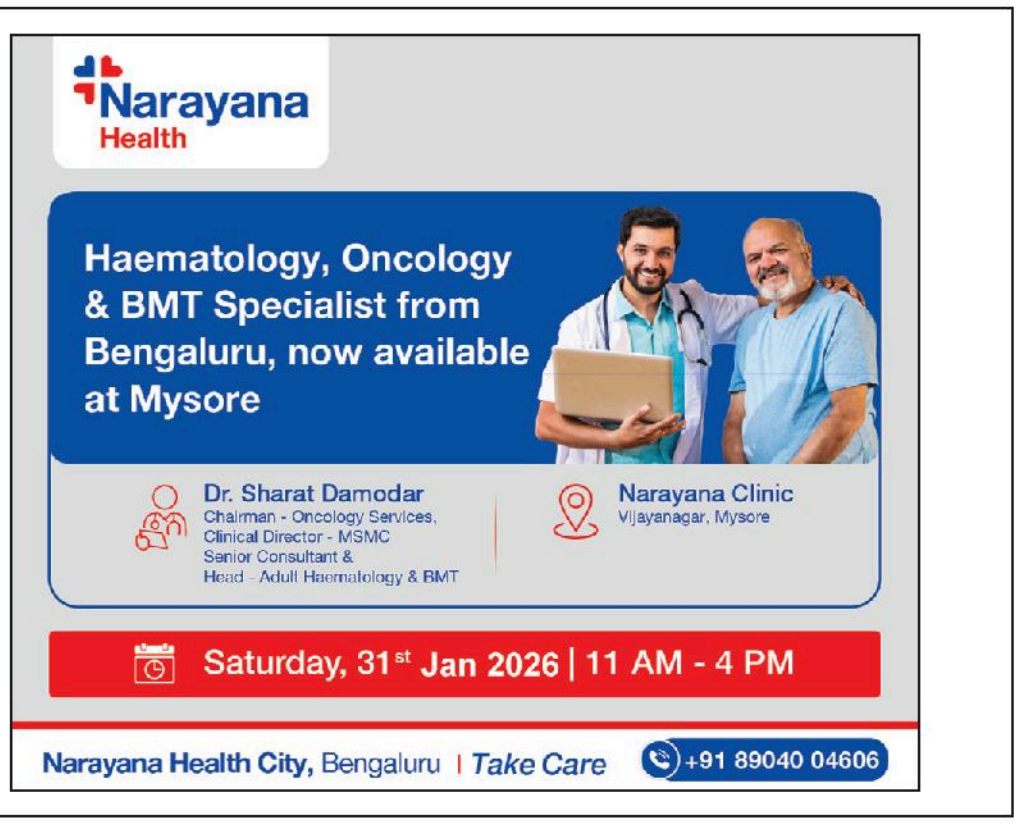
### No horses...

For the first time in the recent years, R-Day parade was held without any horses, in the wake of Glanders, a highly contagious and fatal bacterial disease, that claimed the lives of horses at different Turf Clubs in the State, including one in Mysore Race Club (in December 2025.

As is the practice, the main Parade Commander moves astride a horse while seeking the customary permission from the chief guest to start the parade. Similarly, Assistant Parade Commander and the Karnataka Armed Reserve Police (KARP), popularly known as Mounted Police, participate in the parade, by riding on horseback. However, during the 77th R-Day parade yesterday, the Parade Commander came on foot, holding the customary sword and marching towards the chief guest on the dais, to seek permission. So also the Assistant Parade Commander and the Mounted Police, dressed in uniform, were seen without horses.

## Extension of GI-tagged products of Mysuru

District Minister Dr. Mahadevappa said, to encourage the area of cultivation of Geographical Indicator (GI)-tagged products like *Mysore Mallige* (Mysore Jasmine), Nanjangud Rasabale variety banana and Mysore Veelyedele (Mysore Betel Leaves) in Mysuru and Nanjangud taluks, training programmes are being conducted for the farmers. This initiative is to extend the area of cultivation. That apart, steps are being taken to export these farm produces to foreign countries by joining hands with Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), the Minister added.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# Lake on paper but ... Layout on land ?!

- **MDA map demarcates Kurubarahalli Survey No. 4 area as a water body**
- **Compound wall appears suddenly, overnight; lake disappears**

***A compound has been built around the lake area in K.C. Layout.*** *Picture right:* ***The lake shown in the map of Mysuru Development Authority (circled red).***

Mysuru, Jan 27 (BCT)- A lake in K.C. Layout (Kempu Cheluvajammanni Layout) near the foot of Chamundi Hill, is allegedly being encroached upon by certain private individuals. Making use of back-to-back Government holidays, a compound wall has quietly come up around the lake.

Two boards have been put up at the site. One refers to 23 guntas of land and the other mentions 3.17 acres, both claiming ownership and warning the public against trespassing. The boards also state that legal action will be taken against anyone trespassing.

### MDA map shows lake

The land falls under Kurubarahalli Survey No. 4 and is being claimed as private property. However, official maps of the **Mysuru Development Authority (MDA)** clearly show the area as a lake. The maps also indicate Rajakaluves (primary stormwater drains) connected to it, leaving little doubt that it is a Government-owned water body. As per norms, natural water bodies and water-holding areas are Government property. Accordingly, MDA has marked this lake in its maps using water-body indicators.

### Soil dumping

Despite this, over the past two days, truckloads of soil have been dumped at the site. The land has been levelled, a compound wall erected and a security guard deployed.

Residents have alleged that the lake is being systematically encroached upon. In recent years, several lakes in Mysuru have disappeared without any trace.

In Bengaluru, large-scale destruction of lakes has led to flooding and serious environmental damage, causing hardship to residents. People fear Mysuru may now be heading down the same path.

Officials, residents say, appear unaware of the seriousness of the situation. While MDA has granted permission for residential layouts around the lake and approved land conversion, it has failed to protect the lake, which is clearly shown as a water body in its own records.

## Tahsildar inspects lake area

***Mysuru Tahsildar Mahesh Kumar visited the lake area property at K.C. Layout this morning, along with documents, to check if there are any encroachments. "The land in question comes under Kurubarahalli Survey Number 4. I will have to examine the maps, survey sketches and land documents before ascertaining if there are any encroachments of the lake area. We will take action after a detailed review," he told*** *Star of Mysore.*

**"Protecting Government property is everyone's responsibility. The Mysuru Development Authority (MDA) and the Revenue Department must take the necessary steps to safeguard such public assets. I will comment on this after collecting details from officials."**

**— Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, Mysuru-Kodagu MP**

**"As soon as I came to know about the issue, I visited the spot and inspected the area. Residents confirmed that it is a lake. However, the owners of the adjacent land are claiming that this portion also belongs to them. I was told that an earlier attempt to erect fencing had been removed by the Tahsildar.**

**I have once again brought the matter to the Tahsildar's notice and he has assured me that he will inspect the site and submit a report.**

**I will also bring this to the attention of the Deputy Commissioner and consult Mysuru Development Authority's legal team to gather more information. If there is any encroachment of the lake, it will not be allowed to continue. Protecting the lake is everyone's responsibility and I also have a duty to ensure this."**

**— T.S. Srivatsa, Krishnaraja Constituency MLA**

# City Police Commissioner among 27 Police officers from State to receive President's Medals

Seema Latkar

Devajyoti Ray

T. Rangappa

M. Puttamadaiah

Mysuru, Jan. 27 (DM)- As part of 2026 Republic Day honours, as many as 27 Police Officers and personnel from the Fire and Emergency Services in Karnataka have been awarded President Medals for distinguished service, meritorious service and gallantry.

While two Police officers from the State have been conferred the President's Medal for Distinguished Service, 20 Police officers have got the President's Medal for Meritorious Service and five personnel from Fire and Emergency Services Department have been selected for the President's Gallantry Medal.

The two Police officers who have got President's Medal for Distinguished Service are ADGP (Grievances and Human Rights) Devajyoti Ray and T. Rangappa, ACP at Halasur Sub-Division, Bengaluru.

The 20 Police officers who bagged the President's Medal for Meritorious Service include Mysuru City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar, IGP (Western Range) Amit Singh, DIGs M. Puttamadaiah, a native of T. Narasipur taluk in Mysuru district, who is currently serving as Principal of Police Training School at Kalaburagi and S. Savitha of Home Guards and Civilian Defence.

D. Hemanth Kumar, a Fireman who is serving at Bannimantap Fire Station in Mysuru, is among five personnel of the Fire and Emergency Services Department, who has won the President's Gallantry Medal.

# Malpe boat capsize

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Post-mortem examinations on the bodies were being conducted this morning and the bodies are expected to reach Mysuru this evening.

Saraswathipuram Police Inspector Purushotham, speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, said they are in touch with the Malpe Police, who have registered a case and are extending all necessary assistance.

Udupi Superintendent of Police Hariram Shankar said a case has been registered against the boat owner and the captain. He added that the Police are verifying whether the boat had the required permits to ferry tourists.

# Baby girl sale: 5 arrested

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The baby has been rescued and handed over to the custody of the Women and Child Development Department and is healthy. The accused were produced before the Court and were remanded to judicial custody.

Chamarajanagar Superintendent of Police (SP) M. Muthuraju, Additional SP M.N. Shashidhar and Dy.SP, Chamarajanagar Sub-Division, N. Sneha Raj, supervised the investigation.

The investigation team included Inspector M. Jagadish, PSI R. Manjunath and staff. Following the successful investigation, SP Muthuraju has also announced a reward for the investigation team.

**Action against staff**

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Dr. R. Sudha, Medical Superintendent of Cheluvamba Hospital, said that following media reports about the involvement of a 'D' Group staff of the hospital, a letter has been written to the agency that provides outsourcing service and also to the Dean and Director of Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI), for further action.

The accused staff will be removed from the job, she added.

# Teresian students guide tourists at Mysore Palace

Mysuru, Jan. 27 (MTY&BCT)- On the occasion of National Tourism Day, students of the History Department of Teresian College interacted with foreign tourists visiting the Mysore Palace on Sunday. Acting as tourist guides, they gave information and drew attention with their initiative.

Over 31 foreign tourists from the United Kingdom, Spain, Canada, Yemen, Scotland, the Czech Republic, France and Taiwan visited the Palace. Eleven students had a dialogue with them.

The students gave information about Mysuru's history, the heritage of the Wadiyars, the architectural importance of the Palace, the cultural significance of the Dasara festival and the special characteristics of the region.

The event was organised to enable the students of the History Department to develop communication skills, increase self-confidence, and increase knowledge about the preservation and promotion of cultural heritage.

By providing information about the culture and traditions of Mysuru, they impressed the foreign tourists. On this occasion, Principal of Teresian College Dr. Rohini, IQAC Coordinator Vivek Charles, Assistant Professor of History Sonia and others were present.

# SSLC toppers to get Rs. 50,000 instead of laptops

Mysuru, Jan. 27 (SPN&KS)- Students of Government Schools in the taluk and district, who top in SSLC exam will now be given Rs. 50,000 instead of laptops.

Instruction has been given by the Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board (KSEAB) to deposit the amount to the Aadhaar-seeded Bank accounts of three toppers of taluk and district Government Schools.

Earlier, laptops were being given to three SSLC toppers but the order has been issued to provide Rs. 50,000 to them from the academic year 2024-25 and the toppers will be felicitated during Republic Day celebration.

# Two held for lifting two-wheelers

Mysuru, Jan. 27 (KS) - Mandi Police arrested two persons on charges of stealing two-wheelers and have recovered six vehicles worth Rs. 2,55,000 from them on Jan. 23.

Following the arrest the Police have solved three cases registered in Mandi Mohalla Police Station, two cases in Vijayanagar Police Station and one case registered in Bytarayanapura Police Station in Bengaluru.

Narasimharaja Sub-Division ACP K.T. Mathews Thomas guided Mandi Inspector R. Diwakar, Sub-Inspectors T.S. Mahendra and Raju Konakeri and staff Somashetty, L.R. Premkumar, D.I. Kiran, Bashasab and T.C. Devaraja in the operation.

# 4.115-tonne iron stolen

Mysuru, Jan. 27 (PM&KS)- Thieves have made away with iron kept for construction at Mysuru Heritage Centre and Tourism Institute at Chikkahalli village coming under Alanahalli Police limits in city, according to the complaint lodged by the Institute's Project Director Dr. Madhukar Appaji on Jan. 23.

According to the complaint, a total of 4.115-tonne iron rods and other iron items, iron windows and three almirahs worth about Rs. 1.80 lakh have been stolen.

Based on the complaint, Alanahalli Police, who have registered a case, are investigating.

3rd Year Remembrance

Nayakanda P. Rohini
D.O.D. : 26.01.2023

Your presence we miss,
your memories we treasure,
your moral values we follow,
& in our hearts you live forever

Fondly remembered by:
Nayakanda Prakash Muthappa
Pawan Poovaiah, Prashanth Medappa,
Shiny (Daughter in law) &
Family Members

# ‘Safety First’ remains SWR Mysuru Division’s motto

TRICOLOUR GLOW: ***The Divisional Office building of South Western Railway, Mysuru Division on Irwin Road, illuminated on the eve of 77th Republic Day.***

Mysuru, Jan. 27- South Western Railway (SWR), Mysuru Division, celebrated the 77th Republic Day at the Railway Sports Ground in city.

Mudit Mittal, Divisional Railway Manager (DRM), Mysuru Division, unfurled the National Flag. In his address, the DRM congratulated the employees who were conferred *Ati Vishisht Seva Puraskar* at the General Manager’s level and appreciated the collective efforts of staff.

**Train punctuality**

He highlighted that train punctuality has improved from 89% to 91.68%, On the freight front, the Division surpassed last year’s loading by nearly 2%, with freight earnings increasing by 9% due to longer lead. He attributed this achievement to the upgradation of Chikjajur-Raidurga section to 25T axle load, enabling higher loading per rake.

The DRM commended the coordinated efforts of all Departments during Dasara festival, which ensured smooth handling of the huge passenger rush with enhanced CCTV surveillance.

Reiterating that “Safety First” remains the Division’s motto, he highlighted the vital role of Loco Pilots and Assistant Loco Pilots, stressed the importance of safety at Level Crossing Gates and informed that 8 Railway Board Safety Drives and 4 Headquarters Safety Drives were conducted.

He also announced that the entire Ghat section has been electrified, making it fit for Vande Bharat operations.

RPF rescued 63 persons, including a notable case where a kidnapped six-month-old child was traced using CCTV footage and safely reunited with the mother.

Cultural programmes were organised as part of the celebrations, in which Railway employees, their family members and students of Lalitha School presented patriotic songs and dances. Prizes were distributed to winners of various contests.

The event was attended by Shammas Hameed, ADRM, all Branch Officers, staff members, representatives of Trade Unions and Associations, Scouts & Guides and members of the Women’s Welfare Organisation, reflecting the unity and collective spirit of Mysuru Railway family.

# R-Day: VC hoists Tricolour

***University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath, who hoisted the Tricolour in front of Crawford Hall yesterday, seen with Registrar M.K. Savitha, Registrar (Evaluation) Prof. N. Nagaraja, Director of Student Welfare Dr. C. Gurusiddaiah and others during R-Day.***

# Mysuru Printing Cluster land: MP’s intervention sought

Mysuru, Jan. 27 (BCT)- A memorandum has been submitted to Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar seeking his intervention to expedite allocation of land for the Mysuru Printing Cluster Project, which has been pending with the Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB) for nearly a decade.

The memorandum has been submitted by Director of Mysuru Print and Paper Cluster Foundation (MPPCF) Rashmi Koti of *Andolana* along with Secretary of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Council and Director of MPPCF Suresh Kumar Jain.

The MPPCF has been progressing under the Ministry of MSME’s Cluster Development Programme since 2013, with financial support from the State Government.

The memorandum stated that in 2016, KIADB reserved 7.8 acres of land at Koorgalli Industrial Area in Mysuru for the cluster. The Government of India sanctions up to Rs. 10 crore for the Common Facility Centre, with contributions from the Centre, State and Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV). Additionally, up to Rs. 15 crore would be sanctioned for basic infrastructure.

The Karnataka Council for Technological Upgradation (KCTU) is the implementing agency, while the State Government has appointed Karnataka Technical Consultancy Services to prepare the Detailed Project Report (DPR) and supporting documents.

A SPV has already been formed, registered as a Section 8 Company, under the Companies Act, 2013 and a separate bank account has been opened as per guidelines. The 148th Single Window Committee meeting held on Nov. 28, 2025, approved the Common Facility Centre project.

MPPCF has now requested the Deputy Commissioner to approve individual unit allotments and layout plans for SPV member units on the land reserved by KIADB. Necessary documents have been submitted to the District Industries Centre.

The memorandum emphasised the need for urgent action by the Deputy Commissioner, KIADB and the Department of Industries and Commerce to ensure the project is launched without further delay.

# Mysore Beauticians celebrate R-Day

***Mysore Beautician Welfare Association celebrated 77th Republic Day at Hotel Pai Vista yesterday. All Core and Committee Members along with 92 members from the Association attended the event. Seen are*** *(standing from left - front row)* ***Rajeshwari Krishna and Nasreen Taj, Committee Members; M. Manjula, Joint Secretary; Riti, Committee Member; Veda Rai, President; Sujatha Singh, Founder-Member; Prathiba Shetty, Treasurer; Jaya Mary, Committee Member; Malini, Monica, Nithisha and Members from Mandya, Kollegal, Malavalli, Pandavapura, Srirangapatna, Channapatna, Kushalnagar, Chennai and Kerala.***

# Lingayat global meet at Bengaluru

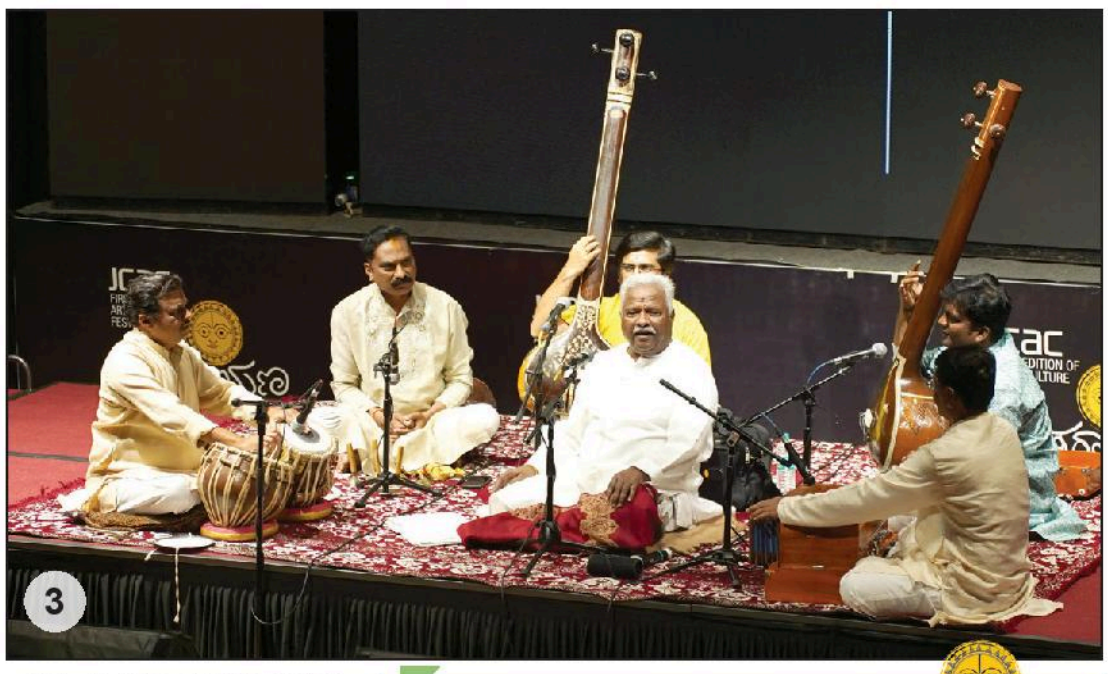
Mysuru, Jan.27 (GA&DM)- The four-day Veerashaiva-Lingayat Global Business Conclave organised under the aegis of International Lingayat Youth Forum (ILYF) will be held at Palace Grounds in Bengaluru from Jan.29 to Feb.1.

Announcing this at a press meet here on Saturday, ILYF Mysuru District President Kiran said that Tumakuru’s Siddaganga Mutt Seer Sri Siddalinga Swamiji will inaugurate the conclave at 4.30 pm on Jan.29. Ministers M.B. Patil, Sharanabasappa Darshanapur and Eshwar Khandre, Union Minister Pralhad Joshi, industrialists Vijay Sankeshwar, B.M. Jayashankar, Dr. Sharan Patil, Balachandrasingh Rao Rane and Rabindranath will be the chief guests.

The valedictory will take place at 4.30 pm on Feb.1, which will be graced by Basavatatva Mutt Seer Basava Marulasidda Swamiji. Minister Dr. Sharan Prakash Patil, MLA Vijayanand Kashappanavar, former IPS Officer Shankar Bidari and others will be present, Kiran said adding that the last conclave held at Mysuru saw a business transaction of Rs.130 crore.

The conclave will have 260 stalls and entry is free. ILYF office-bearers H.S. Veeresh, M. Mahesh, Teertha Swamy, Santosh and Krishnamurthy were present.

# Children, veterans steal the show at JCAC's *Uttarayana* Festival



PIC. 1: ***The crowds enjoying the 'Rhythm Tadim' musical performance given by the students of Horizon School of Drums at the foyer of Jagannatha Centre for Art and Culture (JCAC) in Vijayanagar 1st Stage, Mysuru, last evening as part of its 1st Edition of Art & Culture Festival 'Uttarayana.'***

PIC. 2: ***Sujay Shanbhog and team presenting a dance-drama titled 'Sanatani' at Vedika auditorium of JCAC yesterday.***

PIC. 3: ***Veteran Hindustani Vocalist Pt. M. Venkatesh Kumar performing at JCAC yesterday, with Pt. Keshav Joshi on tabla and Pt. Veerabhadraiah Hiremath on harmonium***

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**The 1st Edition of Art & Culture Festival by Jagannatha Centre for Art And Culture (JCAC) — 'Uttarayana' — at JCAC premises in Vijayanagar 1st Stage, Mysuru. Events are as follows:**

## TODAY (Jan. 27)

- **At Vedika — 4 pm:** Valedictory - Senior Theatre Person and Director T.S. Nagabharana delivers valedictory address. Noted Humorist Prof. M. Krishnegowda, *Ganakala Bhushana* Vid. R.K. Padmanabha & Dr. Mysore Manjunath guests of honour; **7 pm:** Karnatak Instrumental Music by Mysore Brothers (Mysore Nagaraj and Dr. Mysore Manjunath) with Patri Satish Kumar and Giridhar Udupa.
- **At Angala — 7 pm to 9 pm:** Staging of Kannada play 'Praanapadmini' by Spandana, Sagara.

## WORD OF THE DAY

### Rat-a-tat

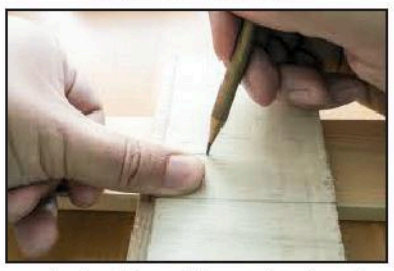
**Pronunciation:** ra-tə-ˌta(t)-ˈtat (noun).
**Meaning:** A rapid succession of knocking, tapping or cracking sounds.
**Origin:** "Rat-a-tat" (or "rat-tat-tat") is an onomatopoeic (sound-imitating) English word describing a quick series of sharp, light knocks or taps, originating from the late 1600s to mimic sounds like a door knock or rapid gunfire; it's also the name of an American electronic music duo. The sound mimics rapid tapping, making it perfect for describing door knocks, drumbeats or even machine-gun fire in comics.
**Example:** Her ability to sell the most demented line readings with a doe-eyed smile—and to thrive in the show's rat-a-tat pacing—gave 30 Rock some of its funniest moments.—Keaton Bell, Vogue, 2 Jan. 2026

## THE ODD WORD

**Rataplan**
Drumming sound.

## PHRASE OF THE DAY

### Rule of thumb



**Meaning:** The phrase 'Rule of thumb' is used to describe a useful principle that has wide application, but that's not necessarily reliable in all situations.
**Origin:** The expression 'Rule of thumb' has its origin in carpentry, when the thumb was used as a makeshift measuring device.
**Example:** "As a rule of thumb, we meet on Fridays."

## QUOTE BOX

Don't cry when the sun is gone, because the tears won't let you see the stars. **—Violeta Parra**

## RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

HOT HANDLE
HOT HANDLE

*Answer: Two hot to handle.*

## SUDOKU

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 8 | 2 | | 1 | 7 | 6 | |
| | | | 4 | | | | 2 | |
| | | | | 3 | | | | 8 |
| 3 | | | 9 | | | 1 | | |
| | 1 | | | | | | 4 | |
| | | 9 | | | 4 | | | 6 |
| 2 | | | | 8 | | | | |
| | 3 | | | | 2 | | | |
| | 5 | 7 | 6 | | 3 | 9 | | |

Answer to previous puzzle

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 9 | 4 |
| 7 | 1 | 5 | 9 | 4 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 6 |
| 6 | 4 | 9 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 8 |
| 8 | 9 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 1 |
| 3 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 8 | 4 | 9 | 7 | 2 |
| 4 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 9 | 1 | 8 | 6 | 3 |
| 5 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 9 |
| 9 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 7 |
| 1 | 7 | 2 | 8 | 6 | 9 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

## CROSS WORD

**ACROSS:**
1 Explosive chemical Trinitrotoluene in short
4 ___ up : enthuses or elates
8 Child's bed
12 Hurry, in old-fashioned or poetic English
13 One of the USA
14 Hop-drying building
15 Slaughterhouse
17 You in old English
18 Tiny island
19 Impertinent
21 Ireland's ___ Lingus
23 What oil is sold by
27 Lump
30 Private sanctum
32 Florida city
33 Surmounting; over
35 Greek vowel
37 Oscar winner ___ Stone
38 Barb or prickle
40 Shanty
42 County town and river of Scotland
43 Ill-tempered
45 Wisecrack
47 A part of speech
49 Metal spikes
53 Singer-songwriter ___ Mitchell
56 Keep for a __ __ : store for emergency use (5,3)
58 Inspired wonder
59 Double reed
60 Long time
61 Anatomical network
62 Tear in pieces
63 Airline-Selected Equip.

**SATURDAY'S ANSWER**

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| D | I | O | R | ■ | B | L | A | B | ■ | T | E | A |
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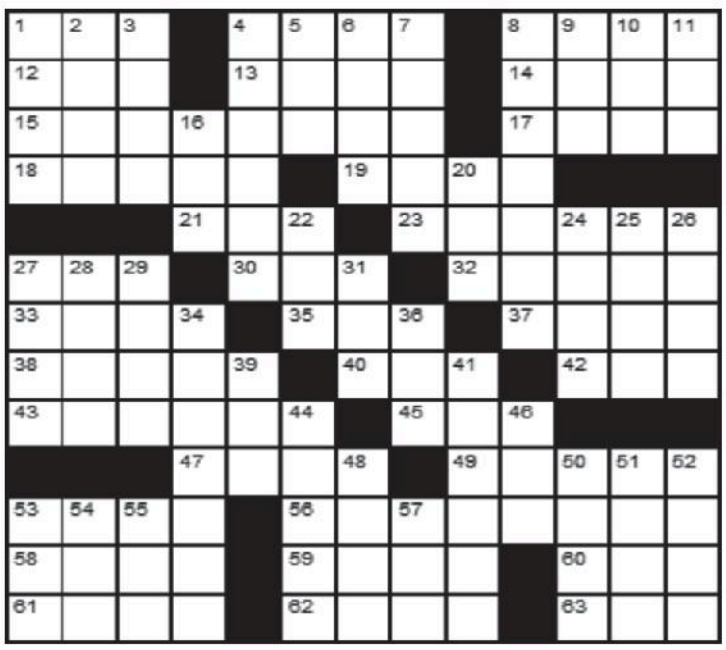
| A | M | E | N | ■ | O | V | E | R | C | A | S | T |
| G | A | Z | E | B | O | ■ | P | E | E | N | ■ | ■ |
| ■ | ■ | ■ | G | A | M | U | T | ■ | I | S | I | S |
| S | C | H | E | M | E | S | ■ | S | L | A | N | T |
| C | I | A | ■ | B | R | U | N | T | ■ | C | R | U |
| A | A | L | I | I | ■ | A | E | R | A | T | E | D |
| B | O | L | T | ■ | A | L | T | A | R | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| ■ | ■ | M | E | A | D | ■ | B | Y | G | O | N | E |
| A | G | A | R | T | A | L | A | ■ | U | S | E | S |
| W | A | R | ■ | O | P | A | L | ■ | E | L | A | M |
| E | L | K | ■ | M | T | N | L | ■ | D | O | T | E |

**DOWN**
1 Person from Pattaya
2 Beaks
3 Small species of wild duck
4 Stroked on a golf green
5 WWII battleground
6 Twosome
7 Bush
8 Exclusive group
9 'Bravo!'
10 Prefix meaning equal
11 British Thermal Unit, in short
16 Afternoon refreshment
20 Water barrier
22 Female ruff
24 Avatar of Vishnu
25 US TV's equivalent to Oscar
26 One who makes false statements
27 Global Air Traffic Mgmnt.
28 Roman emperor - "hoot" anagram?
29 Crude person
31 To the ___ degree (the ultimate)
34 Cater for, furnish with
36 31-day mo.
39 Natl. Stock Exchg.
41 Made brown by the sun
44 Blunder
46 Merry or happy
48 ___ in the woods : a naive person
50 Inkling
51 Cambodia's neighbour
52 Auld Lang ___ : days of long ago ?
53 Sound discordantly
54 Run a tab
55 Meshed fabric
57 Charged atom



## CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

**O AOK QFL YOWSDP O ULLI KCUFV'P XDPV QCWW KLV WCD**

**ILQK QCVF DKACVZ CK FCP FDOXV, CN FD MOK FDWH CV.**

**TODAY'S CLUE: F EQUALS H**

**Saturday's Cryptoquip:** The two hardest things to handle in life are failure and success.

## SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Sangam Theatre** — **Ph: 2520494**
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- **Balaji Theatre** — **Mob: 98863-25207**
  *Border 2 (H) - 4 Shows*

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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Border 2 (H)* | (S-1) | 10.20 am, 10.10 pm |
| | (S-4) | 6.40 pm |
| *Avatar Fire & Ash (E-3D)* | (S-1) | 2.10 pm |
| *Dhurandhar (H)* | (S-1) | 6.05 pm |
| *Cult (2026) (K)* | (S-2) | 9.45 pm, 7.15 pm |
| *Chatha Pacha (Ma)* | (S-2) | 1.00 pm, 10.30 pm |
| *Mankatha (Ta)* | (S-2) | 4.00 pm |
| *Magic Mushrooms (Ma)* | (S-3) | 10.15 am |
| *Jockey (Ta)* | (S-3) | 1.05 pm |
| *Mana Shankara Vara Prasad Garu (Te)* | (S-3) | 4.05 pm |
| *3D Mercy (E)* | (S-3) | 7.40 pm |
| *Baby Girl (Ma)* | (S-3) | 10.05 pm |
| *Landlord (K)* | (S-4) | 9.25 am, 3.35 pm, 10.30 pm |
| *Mark (K)* | (S-4) | 12.40 pm |

## MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Landlord (K)* | : | 10.40 am, 1.40 pm, 3.35 pm |
| | | 6.35 pm, 9.30 pm |
| *Border 2 (H)* | : | 11.00 am, 1.00 pm, |
| | | 7.30 pm, 9.35 pm |
| *Cult (2026) (K)* | : | 12.30 pm, 4.40 pm, 6.25 pm |
| *Avatar Fire & Ash (K-3D)* | : | 2.45 pm |
| *Hot Spot 2 Much (Ta)* | : | 4.45 pm |
| *Baby Girl (Ma)* | : | 7.45 pm |

## MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Baby Girl (Ma)* | : | 9.40 am, 7.40 pm |
| *Border 2 (H)* | : | 10.15 am, 2.20 pm, 6.25 pm |
| | | 9.30 pm, 10.30 pm |
| *Mana Shankara Vara Prasad Garu (Te)* | : | 10.45 am, 6.10 pm |
| *Chatha Pacha (Ma)* | : | 11.30 am, 10.20 am |
| *Cult (2026) (K)* | : | 12.10 pm, 3.30 pm, |
| | | 6.50 pm, 10.10 pm |
| *Landlord (K)* | : | 12.15 pm, 3.30 pm, |
| | | 6.45 pm, 10.00 pm |
| *Mankatha (Ta)* | : | 12.20 pm |
| *Dhurandhar (H)* | : | 2.05 pm, 3.35 pm |
| *Marty Supreme (E)* | : | 2.20 pm, 9.50 pm |
| *Primate (E)* | : | 5.25 pm |
| *3D Mercy (E)* | : | 7.30 pm |

## MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Dhurandhar (H)* | : | 9.55 am, 2.00 pm, 6.05 pm |
| *Border 2 (H)* | : | 10.15 am, 2.20 pm, |
| | | 6.25 pm, 10.30 pm |
| *Cult (2026) (K)* | : | 12.05 pm, 3.45 pm, |
| | | 6.40 pm, 10.20 pm |
| *Landlord (K)* | : | 12.30 pm, 3.25 pm, |
| | | 7.05 pm, 10.00 pm |
| *Baby Girl (Ma)* | : | 10.10 pm |

# Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha's week-long classical music concerts

*Prerana Praveen* *Rakshitha Ramesha* *Shraddha Kote* *Abhiram Bode* *Niranjan Dindodi* *Keshavachandra* *Srinath*

Mysuru, Jan. 27- A week-long Karnatak Classical Music Concert Series has been organised by Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru, in connection with the 39th year's Purandara and Tyagaraja Aradhana in various parts of the city, daily at 6 pm, as follows:

**Feb. 1 - Alwar Kala Bhavan, Sri Krishna Temple, Gokulam 3rd Stage:** Vocal concert by Prerana Praveen, accompanied by Roopanagudi Ratna Teja on violin, Shubhang Samaga on mridanga and B.R. Vidyashankar on ghata.

**Feb. 2 - Sri Vinayaka Temple, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage:** Veena recital by Rakshitha Ramesha, accompanied by K. Vishnuvardhana on mridanga and Karthik Pranav on morching.

**Feb. 3 - Krishnamurthypuram Rama Mandira:** Vocal concert by Shraddha Kote, accompanied by Amogh Nadadur on violin, Vikram Bharadwaj on mridanga and Harishchandra on kanjira.

**Feb. 4 - Bidaram Krishnappa's Sri Prasanna Seetarama Mandira, Narayana Shastry Road:** Vocal concert by Abhiram Bode, accompanied by Prithvi Bhaskar on violin, Nandan Kashyap on mridanga and Shamith S. Gowda on ghata.

**Feb. 5 - Jayanagara Sri Rama Mandira:** Vocal concert by Niranjan Dindodi, accompanied by Krithik Koushik on violin, Pranav Subrahmanya on mridanga and Dheemanth Bhat on ghata.

**Feb. 6 - Sri Lakshminarasimhaswamy Temple, SBM Colony, Srirampura:** Flute recital by C.S. Keshavachandra, accompanied by Tumkur Yashaswi on violin, S. Srivatsa on mridanga and Skanda Manjunath on ghata.

**Feb. 7 - Sri Prasanna Parvathi Kalyana Mantapa, V.V. Mohalla:** Vocal concert by Mysore N. Srinath, accompanied by Dr. C.A. Nataraj on violin, M.S. Jayaram on mridanga and M.J. Kirankumar on ghata.

## EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 27)

- **Priyadarshan Samskrutika Vedike, Srirangapatna, Mandya:** Ramayana Discourse Series by Vid. G.N. Bhatta, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm.** [Mob: 90193-76365]
- **Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysuru Local Centre:** Technical talk on 'Post tensioning structures introduction and applications' by Rakshith Shetty, Director/ Technical Head, Canadian Pre-stressing Services Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru; H.S. Suresh Babu, Chairman, IEI Mysuru, will preside, IEI premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Sadhana Mandira:** Special training sessions to perform simple and diligent Saraswati Puja by Swami Hamsananda, Sri Prasanna Mahaganapati Temple, Ganapati Temple Road, N.R. Mohalla, **6.30 pm to 7.15 pm.**
- **Sri Subramanyaswamy Temple, Vishweshwaranagar:** 60th Annual Taipusam Mahotsava 2026, Dance programme by Vidu. S. Sowmyarani's troupe and music programme by Vidu. Shantalakshmi Purushotham and troupe, Temple premises, **6.30 pm.**

## EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 28)

- **Priyadarshan Samskrutika Vedike, Srirangapatna, Mandya:** Ramayana Discourse Series by Vid. G.N. Bhatta, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm.** [Mob: 90193-76365]
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- **Rangavalli, Mysuru:** Staging of play 'Tatte idli raddhantha,' written & directed by Mayasandra Krishnaprasad, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**
- **Sri Subramanyaswamy Temple, Vishweshwaranagar:** 60th Annual Taipusam Mahotsava 2026, Devaranama programme by Raghavendra Ratnakar and troupe; Devaranama and Devotional Songs by M.N. Kamakshi of Sri Lakshmikanta Bhajana Mandali, Temple premises, **6.30 pm.**

## MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Cult (2026) (K)* | : | 10.00 am, 1.20 pm, 7.00 pm |
| *Landlord (K)* | : | 10.00 am, 4.05 pm, 10.00 pm |
| *Border 2 (H)* | : | 10.15 am, 2.20 pm, 6.25 pm, 10.30 pm |
| *Mana Shankara Vara Prasad Garu (Te)* | : | 12.15 pm, 6.50 pm |
| *Chatha Pacha (Ma)* | : | 1.15 pm |
| *Mankatha (Ta)* | : | 3.35 pm |
| *3D Mercy (E)* | : | 4.40 pm |
| *Baby Girl (Ma)* | : | 7.20 pm |
| *Dhurandhar (H)* | : | 10.10 pm |
| *The Raja Saab (K)* | : | 10.20 pm |

## MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Landlord (K)* | : | 9.55 am, 1.10 pm, 7.05 pm |
| *3D Mercy (E)* | : | 10.40 am, 4.20 pm |
| *Cult (2026) (K)* | : | 1.00 pm, 6.40 pm, 10.00 pm |
| *Hot Spot 2 Much (Ta)* | : | 1.00 pm |
| *Border 2 (H)* | : | 1.50 pm, 5.55 pm, 10.00 pm |
| *Chatha Pacha (Ma)* | : | 3.35 pm |
| *Baby Girl (Ma)* | : | 4.25 pm |
| *Teertharoopa Tandeyavarige (K)* | : | 6.25 pm |
| *Magic Mushrooms (Ma)* | : | 9.30 pm |
| *Mana Shankara Vara Prasad Garu (Te)* | : | 10.20 pm |

**NOTE:** Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

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